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## SEES JAPAN WILLING TO CUT ARMAMENT

Tokio Paper Wants World to Understand Meaning of Kato Statement.

### AWAITING AN AGREEMENT

Admiral's Hint That Fleet Can Be Reduced Held as Views of Nation.

By the Associated Press.  
Tokio, April 7.—The Jiji Shingwa comments to-day on the recent statement by Vice-Admiral Kato, Minister of Marine, in which he declared Japan was not trying to compete with the American Navy, and that her project was to have a fleet of eight battleships and eight battle cruisers, each not more than eight years old, in her first line was not necessarily irreducible.

This conservative newspaper declares this statement merits serious attention throughout the world. It deserves such attention, it says, because, contrary to the opinion of many other Japanese, it admits the possibility of scaling down the eight battleship-eight battle cruiser project when a reliable agreement for curtailment shall have been concluded among the Powers.

"Vice-Admiral Kato's declaration," adds the newspaper, "should serve to remove misunderstandings abroad and give a decided impetus to the movement for international armament restriction."

[The Japanese "Eight and Eight" naval programme provides that Japan will build eight first class battle ships and eight first class battle cruisers for her first line, but in addition it is proposed to automatically replace from time to time these sixteen ships with newer and more powerful vessels. The displaced ships would go into the navy's second line and Japan would thus build up a powerful aggregation of fighting vessels in addition to her "Eight and Eight" of the first line.]

PARIS, April 7.—Crown Prince Hirohito of Japan, who now is on the way to Europe, is expected to arrive in Paris on an official visit in May or June. When the ceremonies attending his visit have ended the Crown Prince will make a tour of France incognito.

### AMERICANS AT MASS FOR GIBBONS IN ROME

Ambassador, Consul-General and Others Attend.

ROME, April 7.—Mass for the repose of the soul of the late Cardinal Gibbons, Archbishop of Baltimore, was celebrated to-day in the titular Church of Santa Maria, in Trastevere, by Mgr. Cerretti, Papal Under Secretary of State, with Mgr. O'Hara, rector of the American College here, acting as Mgr. Cerretti's assistant. Cardinal Vannutelli, dean of the Sacred College, gave the last absolution in memory of Cardinal Gibbons. Robert Underwood Johnson, the American Ambassador, and his family, Francis B. Keene, the American Consul-General, and many members of the American colony in Rome attended the mass.

Pope Benedict to-day appointed as his own domestic prelates Monsignor George T. Donlin, William Livingston, Joseph Burke, Joseph McMahon and Daniel Smith, all of New York city, and Mgr. Joseph F. Sheahan of Poughkeepsie, N. Y. The Pontiff conferred knighthood of the Order of St. Gregory the Great on George Gillespie, George MacDonald, Thomas F. Farrell and John T. Smith of New York.

### PLEBISCITE OFFICIALS WOUNDED BY GERMAN

Assailant in Silesia Election Is Shot Down.

BERLIN, April 7.—The Berliner Zeitung reports that a German Captain named Von Demning, recently attacked and wounded three officials of the Interallied Plebiscite Commission at Gliwits, Prussian Silesia.

The newspaper says Von Demning was then shot down by another member of the commission.

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## CHARLES'S RETURN ONLY POSTPONED

Chamberlain Says He Awaits Favorable Time and America's Good Will.

### STOPPING AT LUCERNE

Swiss Forbid Departure From Canton and Order Propaganda Dropped.

Lucerne, Switzerland, April 7.—Former Emperor Charles, domiciled here after his unsuccessful trip to Hungary in an effort to reclaim the Hungarian throne, is occupying with former Empress Zita the same hotel suite that King Constantine and Queen Sophie of Greece had when they were in exile here. This suite is known locally as "the kings' and queens' refuge."

The Swiss Government permitted the ex-ruler to return to Switzerland only on condition that he take part in no intrigues or propaganda measures. He is prohibited from giving interviews or from leaving the Canton of Lucerne, within the borders of which a villa eventually will be chosen for the family. It is said there is no question as yet of going to Spain.

Sharing the exile of Charles in Lucerne are many members of the Hungarian nobility, including the former Court Chamberlain, Marquis Pallavicini, who said to-day that, except for the veto of the Allies, the Little Entente, which had disarmed Hungary, would have been unable to withstand the situation and that Charles would have been King, as the people desired him.

The Marquis added that Charles had agreed to leave Hungary in order to prevent war, but that he refused to abdicate or renounce his rights in favor of his young son Otto. He said the former monarch considered that his return to the throne had been only postponed until some favorable time, when possibly he would meet with the good will of America.

By the Associated Press.

BUDAPEST, April 7.—A strong protest against the action taken by Czechoslovakia and Yugoslavia in threatening military action to prevent the restoration of ex-emperor Charles to the Hungarian throne was made in the National Assembly to-day by Foreign Minister Graf.

"It is unprecedented," he said, "that foreign governments should force by threat of war a government whose independence they had recognized to choose a constitution and a sovereign in accordance with their caprice and their pretended interests, and compel it to expel a man who, as a Hungarian, has a right to remain in Hungary."

Count Albert Apponyi, former Hungarian Premier, expressed the opinion that Charles was "probably duped by a colossal hoax—the work of foreigners for the purpose of promoting some design not understood here."

### HUNGARIAN CABINET RESIGNS OFFICE

Telegraph Ministry Outgoing to Farmers' Opposition.

BUDAPEST, April 7.—The Ministry of Count Paul Teleky has resigned. The fall of the Cabinet is ascribed to the firm attitude of the small farmers against the Legitimist programme.

### NATIONALISTS JOIN SINN FEIN IN PACT

To Unite for Election and Abstain From Parliament.

DUBLIN, April 7.—Joseph Devlin, Nationalist Member of Parliament for Belfast, and Eamonn De Valera, one of the prime movers in the Irish republican agitation, have ratified the agreement of last month under which the Sinn Fein constitutional and National parties will present a united front to the United States in the coming elections in the north of Ireland.

All the candidates have agreed to accept the principle of self-determination for Ireland and have pledged themselves to abstain from sitting in the Irish Parliament if elected.

### Roundheads Increasing In London, Experts Say

LONDON, April 7.—Citizens of London are growing round-headed, according to anthropologists, who say this change is due to the incursion of peoples from middle Europe. It is said this tendency toward globular formation of the cranium has amounted to 2 per cent. within the last 200 years.

"The old British inhabitants were long-headed, and they have been supreme in initiative, governing capacity and colonizing genius," says a commentator. "The roundheads are lacking in initiative, but they have a great capacity for patient labor."

### OCCUPATION GETS ALLIES LITTLE CASH

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The Rhineland is now in the French mind, and the French can only be bought off by Germany paying—not merely promising to pay—the reparations total of the Paris accord, amounting to 228,000,000,000 marks gold.

One month's allied occupation of German territory gives no sign of what could easily occur in the realization of this after the new customs barrier is in actual operation and is effective. It has not yet produced any visible diversion of German traffic. German goods still are moving along the usual lines, although Germany for one month has been losing the customs duties on those goods which passed into France, Belgium and Holland, except those passing into the latter country above the allied zone. She has not yet seen sufficient reason to divert her traffic by other routes. But next week she must pay tolls on all raw materials and on all goods going into the Rhineland and on all the finished products going out.

Will she bankrupt herself by ceasing production merely to evade these tolls? Will she allow the French to achieve their ambition for an economic conquest of the Rhineland by tying up the Rhineland to France, French goods taking the place of German goods? This, it is believed here, would eventually mean a Rhineland republic economically allied to France instead of to Germany.

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## U. S. AID TO DEPEND ON GAINING RIGHTS

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port for any proposal that would bring about international cooperation." Senator Hitchcock said. He has been away from Washington for nearly a month and just returned from Nebraska today. "I am out of touch with official sentiment here, but have been in touch with sentiment in the West. The universal opinion there is that conditions recently developed will compel the Harding Administration to adopt a policy of cooperation with other nations to save the world from bankruptcy and raise business from growing depression."

Senator Hitchcock said he had addressed a banquet in Lincoln recently, most of the guests being Republican members of the State Legislature, and asserted that they vigorously applauded remarks by him which favored "international cooperation to rehabilitate Europe, to reduce armament and to establish peace either by means of the originally proposed league or by an amended league."

The Nebraska Senator said he does not propose to make any partisan fight against constructive efforts of the Administration to bring about normal conditions here and abroad. He remarked that he had censured Republicans who tried to make political capital out of criticism of the Wilson Administration, and that he does not intend now to subject himself to the same kind of censure.

Senator Hitchcock expects a call from Rene Viviani, French envoy extraordinary, later in the week. He has received word that the distinguished official wishes to see him, though for what purpose is not clear.

### FIVE SEIZED IN HOMES IN IRELAND AND KILLED

BELFAST, April 7.—John Weyman, a former policeman, and John Gillingham, a former soldier, were taken from their homes in Loughlin, near Castlereagh in County Roscommon, and shot dead to-day.

Charles Sevin, John Devine and Daniel Dolery, residents of Drogheda, County Tyrone, were taken from their homes last night by armed men, and their bodies were found outside the village this morning. It is believed they were victims of reprisals for attacks made upon crown forces Tuesday night.

Nine survivors of the famous hunger strike conducted in the Cork jail by Sinn Feiners last autumn have been removed from the jail to the detention barracks there. This step was taken by the authorities because of the sensational attempt about two weeks ago to rescue some of the men.

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